## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2010 LANAI MOUFLON SHEEP HUNTING SEASON

The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources is pleased to announce that application forms for the 2010 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Hunting Season, together with instruction sheets, are available at all Division of Forestry and Wildlife Offices Statewide. It is *imperative* that hunter applicants obtain and pay particular attention to the hunt instruction sheet and addendum for more changes in the application process.

Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting" (§ 13-123-2), the cooperative agreement between DLNR and the landowner, and the written request of the landowner, the following special conditions and procedures will be in effect for this hunt:

The 2010 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season will consist of three (3) hunts:

The **Archery Only Hunt** will be held over eight (8) <u>consecutive</u> days, beginning July 31, 2010 and ending on August 7, 2010.

The **Muzzleloading Hunt** will be conducted for two (2) consecutive <u>Weekends</u> (<u>Saturday and Sunday</u>), August 14 and 15, 2010 and August 21 and 22, 2010.

The **General Rifle Hunt** will be held over nine (9) consecutive <u>Weekends (Saturday and Sunday)</u>, beginning on August 28, 2010 and ending on October 24, 2010.

Hunter assistants will only be allowed to accompany hunters who are senior citizens (age 65 or older) or disabled.

The bag limit for the 2010 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season will be two (2) Mouflon sheep (one (1) ewe and one (1) ewe or atypical/non-typical ram) per hunter per season (regardless of the type of equipment used). Upon check in, hunters will be issued both tags. All heads of rams harvested must be disposed of in the trash bin provided by the State of Hawaii located at the Lanai hunter check station.

There will be <u>no</u> lottery drawing of permits conducted for the **Archery Only Hunt** and no limit on the number of archers who will be allowed to participate. However, interested archers **must apply** for this hunt by submitting an application for a permit. Hunters participating in the **Archery Only Hunt** will <u>not</u> be allowed to apply for, or participate in, either the **Muzzleloading Hunt** or the **General Rifle Hunt** lotteries. Archery hunters may check in on the Friday preceding the first day of the **Archery Only Hunt** or daily during the hunt between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to validate permits and receive their tags. All archery hunters must check-out of the hunting area daily and report their take or their intent to hunt the next day providing their tags remain unfilled.

Participation in the **Muzzleloading Hunt** and **General Rifle Hunt** will be assigned by lottery drawing. Interested hunters **may apply for either the Muzzleloading Hunt** Lottery or the **General Rifle Hunt** Lottery, but may **NOT** apply for **BOTH**.

Applications for all hunts may be **submitted in-person or mailed**, to the **Maui Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office**, **54 So. High St., Rm 101**, **Wailuku HI 96793**. Lanai residents only are to mail or deliver their applications to the Lanai Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office at 917 Fraser Ave., P.O. Box 630661, Lanai City, HI 96763. The **DEADLINE** for submitting applications will be **4:00 p.m.** on **Friday, May 28, 2010**. Interested hunters are encouraged to submit their application well before the application deadline to insure proper processing.

The **public drawing** to assign a going status, and if necessary, to establish stand-by positions for the **Muzzleloading Hunt** lottery will be held on <u>Monday</u>. June 28, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the State Building in Wailuku, Maui. A simultaneous drawing will be held at the Lanai Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office for Lanai residents. Following these drawings at both locations, the **public drawing** to assign a going status, and if necessary, to establish stand-by positions for the **General Rifle Hunt** lottery will be held at 12:00 noon. Hunters, who have been assigned a stand-by number, will be allowed to replace no-show hunters that do not check in on their assigned hunting date.

All eligible Muzzleloader and General Rifle participants must check in either on the Friday preceding their assigned hunting date between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. or on Saturday or Sunday between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Forestry and Wildlife Office in Lanai City to acquire their tags. Stand-by hunters must be present at the Lanai City, Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to their assigned hunting date to be eligible to replace noshow hunters. Once each hunter fills their bag limit, they will not be eligible to participate for the remainder of the 2010 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season. Both Hunting Unit 1 and 2 will be open to Archery, Muzzleloading, and General Rifle Hunts.

Additional details for this season are available at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Offices at the following telephone numbers:

Oahu: 587-0166 Maui: 984-8100 Hawaii: 974-4221(Hilo) Molokai: 553-1745 Kauai: 274-3433 Lanai: 565-7916